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Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
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Dear Mr. Sessions,

The intent of this letter is to impress on you the importance of a Country of Origin Label on all imports of pecans into the U.S.

I am a Pecan Grower in Sumter Co. Ga., past president of the Ga. Pecan Growers Assn., and a grower of 500 acres of pecans. I have been growing pecans for twenty-eight years. I feel it is important to the promotion of our industry and the support of the growers that we encourage people to use pecans grown in the U.S. Given the choice I think an American consumer would prefer a U.S. product.

It is my understanding that the Country of Origin Bill does not include pecans. I would encourage you to take the necessary steps to have pecans included. With imports increasing every year our Industry needs this as a valuable marketing tool.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Horne Sr.

